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Abbey Retreat Centre board member Laurie Stibbards plays gongs in a gazebo May 16 during the official opening of the centre for cancer patients and their supporters. See page 9 for the full story.

New centre puts Harcourt back on the map

By Mark Arike

When a fire ripped through Harcourt's community centre two-and-a-half years ago, it dealt a devastating blow to residents.

"It was so difficult for the community to lose the old building," recalled Cindy Baumhour, secretary and treasurer of the rec board. "It was used every day."

An electrical fire was to blame for the complete loss of the 50-year-old building,

which was located in the heart of Harcourt on Midway Street.

But the community didn't let the blaze keep them down for long. Volunteers joined forces to raise \$8,000 at a benefit dance for a new centre. The insurance company paid out about \$975,000 and the Municipality of Dysart pitched in \$200,000 of taxpayers' money. Other contributions included \$20,000 from the rec board and

\$3,600 from a memorial fund for Donna Burroughs.

Together, it was enough to build a 4,000-square-foot, \$1 million facility right where the former centre was located. It features a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, wheelchair accessible washrooms and a large gathering space. It was built by Beacon Construction of Bancroft.

On May 19, local politicians, residents and

volunteers celebrated its grand opening. The event featured a silent auction fundraiser, snacks and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Those who enjoyed the former hall reminisced about the good times. They also looked to the future.

"We used to come and dance at the old hall," said former Wilberforce resident Lee Martin, adding her memories are "quite good."

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Ladies' committee members Andrea Carr, left, and Connie Rees serve snacks to guests. Photo by Mark Arike.

Harcourt gets its heart back

Continued from page 1

"They had good country music here."

She was disappointed to learn about the fire and donated to the new building.

"We need halls like this, where communities can get together and enjoy themselves," said Martin.

It was a particularly joyous day for those who have been part of the long rebuilding process.

"Today, we're here to have fun," said Connie Rees, president of the ladies' committee. "We hope it [the centre] gets used like it should."

"It's fruitful," smiled treasurer Andrea Carr.

The old hall was a mainstay for bingo, art classes, quilting and special events, such as weddings and birthday parties.

Ward 3 Coun. Tammy Donaldson hopes residents will create many more memories in the years to come.

"I'm looking forward to working with the community and committees to make sure this hall gets utilized to its full potential," said Donaldson at the opening. "The community centre was built for the people, and I encourage everyone to be active, participate and enjoy."

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey said there were some bumps in the road, but the outcome was worth it.

"I think Harcourt's back on the map," said Fearrey.

MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott also extended their congratulations to the community.

There are a few final touches to be done, including the installation of a stage, signage and ground work.

The centre will be open whenever someone wants to rent it, said Baumhour.

A concert, featuring Timber Tom and the Crosscuts, and Wescali, was held in the evening.

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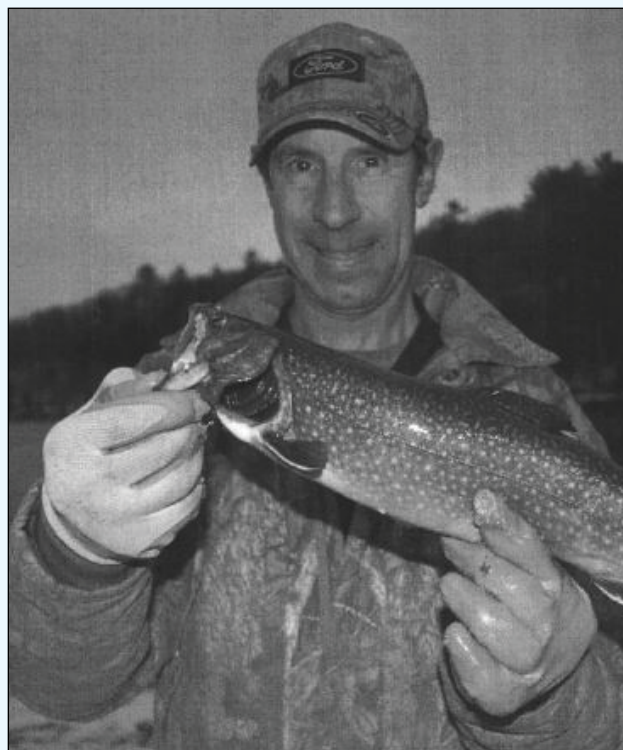
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Steve Cserved, 54, was found safe in Dorset after being reported missing last week. Submitted.

Missing Algonquin Highlands man reunited with family

It took police less than 24 hours to find a missing Algonquin Highlands man last week.

On the morning of May 17, Haliburton Highlands OPP were investigating the disappearance of 54-year-old Steve Cserved, who was last seen in Dorset the previous evening. Cserved was located safe in Dorset that afternoon.

OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee wouldn't elaborate on the circumstances of his disappearance or how he was found.

"There is no further information being released as the missing person investigation is completed and the male is back safely with his family," she told *The Highlander*.

Police thanked the media and public for their assistance. (Mark Arike)

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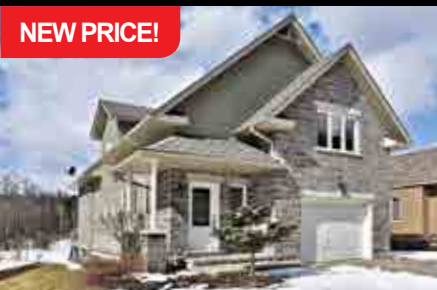
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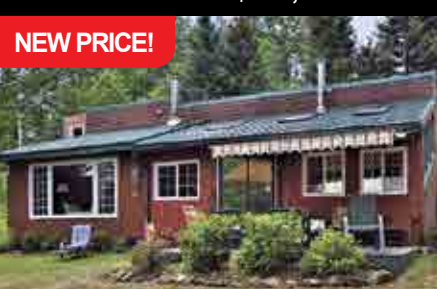
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Algonquin Highlands

Accessible lift for library



The exterior of the Stanhope library. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands is examining the possibility of having a lift put in at the Stanhope library.

Originally, they were thinking about a ramp to the side door.

However, interim operations manager Brian Nicholson said they could go after Enabling Accessibility money to install a lift at the front entrance.

Nicholson said he likes the lift idea as it would better protect the unique exterior of the building.

He noted there is a similar one at the

Dorset Recreation Centre.

He said an approximate cost is \$30,000 for a lift from the front entrance to the main floor and \$45,000 to access both main floor and basement.

Nicholson added that written authorization would be required from both the chief building official and the fire chief authorizing the lift in the existing stairway. Costs for the architect to provide permit drawings will be approximately \$3,500 plus expenses and tax.

(AH briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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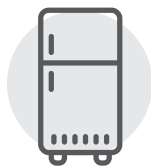


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Players use the Stanhope tennis courts on Thursday, May 17. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Tennis program, soccer and crokinole poised to start

By Lisa Gervais

It looks as though Algonquin Highlands will have a youth tennis program this summer.

Chris Card, manager of parks, recreation and trails, told council May 17 that Al Aubry had volunteered to run the program for eight to 14-year-olds starting the first Tuesday in July, and running every Tuesday until the end of August.

He said children could drop in to the program that will begin at 10 a.m. at the Stanhope tennis courts.

He said it's open to all skill levels. He explained it would be run by two volunteers every week and Aubry will take care of the schedule and work with the township on criminal reference checks.

Participants just need non-marking shoes and water bottles. They can bring their own rackets or borrow ones. It would be by donation.

Card said all the township has to pay for is a ball hopper, estimated at \$40-\$80.

Meanwhile, Card said plans are well underway for the soccer league this year.

He said the township was successful in getting grants for six sets of new nets and for training coaches.

Training is scheduled for June 2 at Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall.

"We will be offering a fundamental movement skills training through the Coaches Association of Ontario for our

coaches," Card said in a written report.

He said Invitations will be sent to surrounding municipalities to join the training for a fee suggested by the program administrator of \$65.

He said 61 children had signed up for this year, ranging from five to 14 years old.

Following registration this past Saturday, May 19, teams will be picked.

And, resident Valorie Arnup has approached the Stanhope Recreation Committee about running a crokinole program.

She wants to hold an evening once a month, year-round, at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall.

"Valorie belongs to the National Crokinole Association and is willing to volunteer her time in order to have this event available to the public," Card said.

He added she can get four crokinole boards and will not require any supplies. This program will be operated as a drop-in by donation. The program would not have an age limit and would be accessible to all ages. For now, the committee is looking at Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

Coun. Marlene Kyle said she supported the tennis and crokinole programs but does think the township needs a more consistent payment policy for these activities as some are at a small cost, others by donation and others free.

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Dysart's race for mayor gets underway

By Mark Arike

Dysart's deputy mayor believes she's ready to take the top seat at the council table this fall.

Andrea Roberts filed her nomination papers on May 17, but she made her decision earlier in the month. It's a position she thought of throwing her hat in the ring for during the last municipal election in 2014.

"I felt I wasn't 100 per cent ready," recalled Roberts in an interview. "I wanted to know my way around the county issues. I ran for [deputy mayor] with anticipation that I'd probably run for mayor in this election."

She was first elected Ward 1 councillor in 2006, a seat she held for two, four-year terms. At the end of her second term, Roberts and her husband, Steve, sold their fuels business.

That freed up some of her time, leading her to become Dysart's deputy mayor in the last election after defeating fellow councillor Dennis Casey. The win also earned her a seat at county council.

The 55-year-old, who hails from Toronto but has lived in Haliburton for more than 30 years, realizes the job requires a major time commitment and isn't a regular 9-5.

"It's a big commitment," she said, adding

many of her friends are retiring. "I had to decide if I wanted to crank it up a notch—and work for four more years."

Roberts said she respects current Mayor Murray Fearrey but is confident she can do the job.

"He's been the head of council for a long time," she said. "But when I decided to run, it wasn't to run against him. I'm running because I want the job. I see myself in that leadership role. I see myself as a fresh face."

Fearrey filed his papers on May 3. The incumbent said he chose to run because he needed to ensure some of the municipality's projects are successfully completed.

"I feel equally capable of seeing those projects through," added Roberts.

She hasn't put her platform together yet, but some important items she identified include waste management, housing, youth retention and economic development.

Roberts is looking forward to attending events, like cottage association meetings, in the coming months and meeting with constituents. She isn't second-guessing her decision at all.

"It felt great," she said, referring to filing her papers. "It felt absolutely the right thing to do. Whatever the results are, I'm OK."

Election day is Oct. 22. For an unofficial list of candidates, visit dysart.ca.



After 12 years at Dysart's council table, Andrea Roberts says she's ready to become mayor. Photo by Mark Arike.



MINDEN TALKS TINY HOMES: The Minden Hills housing task force held an open house at the council building on Saturday, May 19 in hopes of engaging the general public on its plans for providing alternative forms of housing for the village. Member Fay Martin said they would bring the feedback to council in the fall. Above: Minden Hills Coun. Pam Sayne discusses tiny homes with a representative of Barry's Bay Tiny Homes. (Lisa Gervais)

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Grand grant announcements

The provincial and federal governments have been handing out grants like candy lately.

In recent months, *The Highlander* has become aware of a few local handouts. But what's been most frustrating—and amusing—is the fact we haven't been able to break the good news right away.

At a regular meeting in March, Dysart councillors passed a bylaw to receive \$2.8 million from the province for the downtown wood heating project. The 54-page document outlines details about the grant and the project.

It's a public document and anyone can read it. But councillors and staff were unable to comment because the province hadn't announced it, nor had they given Dysart permission to talk about it. We contacted the province shortly after the meeting and a representative promised details would be released "in the near future."

We waited for three weeks until it was made official by the proponents at an April 23 meeting.

More recently, the County of Haliburton learned its application to secure \$180,000 in federal funding for flood mapping was successful. They took to Twitter to announce the news, so we followed up. A week after the post, planning director Charley White was unable to talk about the money from the feds, even though she could confirm the county is paying for half the project. White was as cooperative as possible given the restrictions.

Once again, we gave the government a chance to comment on their major investments in Haliburton County. It took a couple days to hear back and all we were told by a media spokesperson was that they received our questions and would reply as soon as possible. We did hear back, a day after deadline—and yep, you guessed it—it wasn't much of an answer. This time, a different spokesperson let us know that no prior investments from the National Disaster Mitigation Program have flowed into the county and they weren't in a position to say if new investments would be spread around Ontario.

Really? Sounds like bureaucracy at its finest.

I can understand why grant announcements are a big deal. They give political parties a chance to brag about all the good they are doing—with taxpayers' money. They want to take the credit, and hopefully, win over voters in the next election.

But let's not forget, it's the staff within our local municipalities who put in the hard work and hours to apply for these grants in the first place. Without them identifying the opportunities and pursuing them, there wouldn't be much to boast about.

If the feds and province want to broadcast the news, they need to do it in a timely manner before half the town already knows about it. Otherwise, let our local representatives do the talking. They are completely capable of speaking to the media. And, like we've already said, it's our money the government is spending anyway.



By Mark Arike

Let's, at least, start the discussion

There was a smallish crowd at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce-sponsored warden's breakfast several weeks ago. Haliburton County Warden Suzanne Partridge held this annual morning bunfest at YMCA Camp Wanakita, a camp just inside her home municipality of Highlands East. This fact was probably a surprise to many, since the only way into the camp is through the settlement of Donald which is located in Dysart et al. But sure enough, just south of Donald, one crosses into the northwest corner of the municipality of Highlands East.

But enough about geography. The warden was gracious in her presentation as she talked about the many challenges and opportunities facing Haliburton County. Partridge spoke about the need for better communications between elected officials and the public, always an issue that needs addressing and one that will likely never be fully resolved. The warden called for more open public discussion of issues and less hallway talk. She also stressed the need for improved cell phone and internet service throughout the county. Another quest that is likewise never-ending. In a rural area as rugged as ours, it will be very difficult to meet the needs of everyone who wants

high quality, competitively priced, cell and internet access.

She then opened the floor to questions. The inquiries covered a variety of topics and as I listened, I couldn't help but think that most responses to planning, waste disposal and recycling, roads, policing costs, economic development and more could be most efficiently handled by a single tier municipal structure. Asked by yours truly if there was any interest amongst the current elected officials, (at least the eight at the county council table, a group that has met for three and a half years), in considering a single tier for the county, Partridge said she did not sense any indication that any of the county councillors were prepared to broach the matter and certainly not her.

While now is perhaps not an appropriate time to begin a campaign to change the system, an election is a good time to float the idea and see if it is an item that could gain some traction. I have heard of at least one incumbent candidate who, if successful, would be part of county council (ie candidates for mayor or deputy mayor), who is about to broach the possibility of working toward a single tier municipal structure for the election that will be held

in 2022. It would be a long and tortuous road. The province would need to agree, the county council would need to be the driving force and the majority of municipalities would have to buy into the idea and support the restructuring that would be required to make it a reality. It would require an investment of time on behalf of those championing the idea that could divert attention away from other pressing issues. But it is something that should not be left lurking in the shadows. Let's get it on the table, start the discussion and plan for our own future.

I fear that after June 7, the option of planning for a single tier municipal structure could be removed from local hands and imposed on the county by Queen's Park. I cringe as I recall how well the imposition of a single tier, by the Mike Harris government, was received by our neighbours to the south back in 2001 and hope that any move to one level of municipal governance would be created right here in Haliburton County.



By Jack Brezina



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Eye on the street: Meet the cottagers



Ujjawal Madan
Toronto

Ujjawal has been coming to Haliburton to visit his friend's cottage at Loon Lake for two years.



Patrick Monaghan
London

Patrick is a former cottager who has now lived at his cottage permanently at Boshkung Lake for over ten years



Christi Downing
Newmarket

Christi and her husband have been coming up to their cottage in West Guilford for five years.



Brendan Flanagan
Manchester

Brendan has a cottage around Little Bob Lake in Minden and has been coming up for roughly 22 years.



Ghalina Haidar
Toronto

Ghalina is originally from Russia but now lives in Toronto and been coming up to her cottage at Canning Lake for 20 years.

Photos and interviews by Felix Wong

Road rage

Dear editor,

As a road cyclist, two comments on Haliburton drivers. First, thank you. You are the most thoughtful drivers. You almost universally hold to the “metre of space” rule for passing cyclists, with so many of you being much more generous. Special thanks to all the dump trucks, equipment haulers, delivery trailers and transports, whose slipstreams are scarily vacuum-like and much diminished by the room you leave when passing. It is appreciated more than there is space to burble on about it here.

So, who is it among all these thoughtful drivers that’s throwing all that crap out their windows and into the ditches? A newcomer to Haliburton would believe us to be a bunch of drunken slobs if we were to be judged by the state of our roadsides. Cigarette butts and empty packages, fast food containers, pop tins, Tim Hortons cups, diapers (really? What kind of world do you want to leave to the next generation?) actual dump-ready bags of garbage (did you just lose focus?) And, to all those guileless pick-up drivers who just toss stuff in the back, and oops! Who knew? You do.

What is especially terrifying to road users who are not protected by a vehicle is the number of beer cans and liquor bottles along the roads. You won’t fool anybody, especially not the cop whose boots you puke on. Go

home, drink yourself senseless and pass out on the couch like normal folk. Cash in those empties. There are enough of them along the four-town tour route (Haliburton, Lochlin, Ingoldsby, Minden, Haliburton) to buy the better part of a case of beer.

So, keep it in the vehicle, throw it out at home or at the dump, but let’s keep our beautiful county beautiful even when nobody’s looking.

Anne-Marie Borthwick
Haliburton

Let's help each other, not fight

Dear editor,

Re. The Outsider and the ongoing debate regarding gender issues. Our language and our use of it is changing as we adjust to a more diverse and complex world. I for one am grateful for the people who admit to finding the adjustment difficult. Negotiating issues around gender is extremely challenging even for the most open minded of us; we all need help on this. Education, outreach, and a little patience would go a long way to making this issue become less fraught. Let’s help each other not fight each other.

Victoria Ward
Highlands East

Shotguns and serving spoons

As I drove to work recently, I listened with interest to an interview on the CBC. The radio host was discussing the success of a recent province-wide gun amnesty with some bigwig from the OPP. It seems that all manner of unwanted and unlicensed firearms had been handed over to the police by people who had rifles, shotguns, hand guns, even black powder guns tucked away in closets and cupboards. Guns that had been lent to them; left in the estate of some long-gone relative; or, just plain forgotten by a now long distant neighbour. Folks simply took them to their local police station and handed them in; all feelings of guilt, shame and worry lifting as the smiling police officers relieved them of their unwanted weapons.

Now, I am a gun owner and I like the few guns that I have and I own a license for them, too. But this radio interview got me thinking about a different but altogether just as potentially guilt-ridden and embarrassing problem that I have. And it’s one that I just know many of you folks will have been worrying over too.

What to do with the collection of crockery and utensils left at your house after those potluck dinners? The stuff that

has been hanging around for too long now; long enough that it would be embarrassing to just go ahead and, well, return it.

I have to admit that my kitchen cupboards are slowly filling with other people’s pots and bowls, plates, jugs and serving spoons. Each time we have a get-together, folks bring a salad, a cake, a pitcher of ice tea ... and each time we clear up after our guests have left, there is always something extra to add to the cupboard.

Now, every time that this happens, I swear that I’ll drop by their house and return said dish or plate, and every time I say this, I really do intend to do it but I forget for a few days and then those days turn into weeks. Before you know it, a few months have gone by, and when I look at the dish in our cupboard, I begin to feel guilty about not returning it but I feel embarrassed about the length of time that we’ve had it. And so, the dish stays put. It’s Catch-22. The dish should be returned but the time lapsed between party and present make doing just that impossible.

And so, as I listened to the officer lauding the success of the gun amnesty, it dawned on me that what I need to do

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mary Morton said she’s had a young albino raccoon roaming about her property on Loon Lake. Submitted photo.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

is have a potluck dish amnesty. I’ll invite everyone I know and they can invite their friends, too. Everyone can come, bring their own collection of ‘other people’s pots and plates, turn them in at the amnesty and pick up the jugs, dishes and salad forks that belong to them. Dan, come round and get your serving platter; Keesha, we have your olive bowl; James and Lesley, whom I only met once, come get your lovely yellow bowl and carved elephant handled salad spoons; Eleanor, hmm, we have a chopping board, plates, bowl, even a mattress, borrowed far too long ago to mention. Then, there is a glass pitcher, a vinaigrette jug and a crock pot, yes a fully operational crock pot, all of which I have no idea where they came from but my amnesty could sort all of this out I’m sure.

So, yes, a potluck dish amnesty, the perfect solution to my guilty crockery woes. I’m gonna’ do it. And, hey, if you’re all coming to the amnesty, let’s make a party of it. I’ll provide the time, the place and a big ol’ bonfire. You guys bring something to drink, and for food ... we’ll do potluck.

Highlander news

County to invest at least \$477K in mobile broadband

By Mark Arike

County councillors didn't hesitate to sign on the line to invest in the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) mobile broadband project. On May 23, they unanimously approved an immediate payment of \$40,000 for a gap analysis and a future investment ranging between \$437,000 and \$567,000. That will be paid out next year with funds from reserves.

"I'd probably be willing to spend more money than anyone at this table to push this forward," said Brent Devolin, councillor and past warden.

He said that "capacity and speed [for mobile internet] are accelerating away from us every year."

Coun. Murray Fearrey was also quick to support the recommendation, which came

from CAO Mike Rutter.

"I'm with you on this one," said Fearrey.

"I can't say 'yes' fast enough," added Coun. Carol Moffatt, also mayor of Algonquin Highlands. She said her township was most underserved when it came to EORN's first project to boost internet speeds to homes and business. It was undertaken eight years ago at a cost of \$175 million, with a \$500,000 investment from the county. A total of 423,000 homes and business were connected to speeds of up to 10 Mbps.

The current provincial government recently committed \$71 million to the second project. It's expected to cover more than 99.5 per cent of the region and address 93 per cent of gaps in capacity. The total price tag is \$213 million. It will improve data service for smart phones, tablets and

other devices.

With an election fast approaching, Rutter said they have been in talks with other political parties to get their buy-in should the Liberals lose. While there hasn't been a definite commitment, he said the dialogue has been positive.

Currently, 18 per cent of Eastern Ontario has no coverage at all, he said. An additional 16 per cent have inadequate coverage. Although Rutter doesn't have data to back it up, he suspects those numbers are higher in the county.

He said the proposed project will create 3,000 full-time equivalent jobs, improve public safety and support the province's push to a 5G network.

EORN is a non-profit organization that was established by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.



CAO Mike Rutter talks about the mobile broadband project. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Retreat centre helps cancer patients relax

By Mark Arike

The moment you step inside Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC), there's a certain calmness that comes over you. Natural light beams through the large building's many windows and there is a picturesque view of ponds, grass and trees from the balcony.

Plus, there's the fresh Haliburton air, ARC board chair Joy Davey points out.

There was a large turnout for the grand opening of the centre on May 16. Located next door to Abbey Gardens, near West Guilford, the building is the former home of the Hewitt family. It has offered two pilot retreats to cancer patients and their supporters so far.

They host group chats in a safe, non-judgemental environment. There are also a variety of activities that promote healthy living, including yoga, drumming and art-making. These are provided by local professionals who are paid for their services.

It's all free to participants thanks to the generosity of John and Thea Patterson, funders, and donors. And it was the Pattersons' personal cancer journeys that inspired their vision for the centre.

"We both have been on a cancer journey for about 10 years," said Thea during the opening.

She explained how a friend from the U.S. invited them to attend a similar retreat in Seattle six years ago.

"We just had the most marvelous experience—meeting other people, having conversations and just feeling the energy that comes from that kind of a group," she recalled.

The Pattersons founded the Patterson Institute, which is "focused on a whole-person approach to cancer care." This includes the social, psychological, emotional, spiritual and functional aspects of the patient journey, according to their website. It has partnered with the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. This organization is examining and evaluating the effectiveness of programs at the centre.

"We're very pleased to be able to think about integration of various streams of cancer care that might yield some new discoveries, some new ways to care for people with cancer," said John.

ARC is a non-profit organization that leases the property from Abbey Gardens Community Trust. The building underwent extensive renovations before opening to patients and their caregivers.

Volunteers were instrumental in the centre's launch.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child; well, it takes a whole community to create a place like this," said Davey.

Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), spoke about the value of the centre in the community.



Expressive arts practitioner Fay Wilkinson, right, gets creative with guests Marika Berni and Frances Makdessian of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. Photo by Mark Arike.

"At HHHS we support people in a number of ways who are on a cancer journey—either through acute episodes of care, palliative care, and supports to help them through their illness," said Plummer. "However, what the retreat centre does is it brings a focus on wellness instead of illness—supporting people through their journey in ways that we can't. So, their approach truly is complementary in many

ways, and addresses an important gap in our community."

She told *The Highlander* that her organization will make information about the centre available to patients and clients.

It will continue to take a community effort to keep the centre going, said Davey. This includes donations and grants.

To learn more, email abbeyretreatcentrejoy@gmail.com.



County Warden Suzanne Partridge, left, accepts the award from health promoter Angela Andrews. Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton County gets age-friendly award

The work of Haliburton County's aging well committee and the age-friendly working group has been recognized by the province. On May 23, Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, presented the Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award to county council. It recognizes the county for

its "leadership in creating a welcoming community that enables seniors to live independent, active and healthy lives." County Warden Suzanne Partridge said that one of the committee's recommendations has resulted in a successful grant application to install a sound system in council chambers. (Mark Arike)

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Consensus Ontario candidate enters fray

By Dan Bajorek

Chuck MacMillan is a founding member of the newly registered Consensus Ontario party and he seeks the seat in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. He was born in Oshawa, finished high school in Peterborough and is currently a Lindsay resident. He has spent more than 30 years in the educational system after going back to college and graduating with a diploma in Business Accounting and a Human Resources Certificate.

MacMillan truly believes the Consensus Ontario party is “the peoples’ party.” He says the party was created in 2016 to “end all parties, including itself, and replacing them all with a system of consensus government focused solely on independent MPP’s who would represent the majority opinion on issues rather than being controlled by their party in how to vote.” This type of government is not new, says MacMillan, as the northern territories have operated a party-less system for more than

100 years.

MacMillan got into politics as he was tired of hearing governments making promises on the campaign trail and simply not delivering on them once in power. He says that “voters are

fed up with all the bickering they see on television anytime the media focusses on what is happening in the Legislature. I want to know that voters in this riding have an option,” says MacMillan. He feels that once the major parties are elected, they forget about the voters until it’s time to be re-elected and

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Chuck MacMillan

Consensus Ontario candidate

then new promises are promulgated to keep themselves in power.

MacMillan feels that health care is a major issue in the riding. He cited an example where he knows of a friend going to hospital for emergency services and learning they only had one doctor on the floor between midnight and 6 a.m. “This is not acceptable as OHIP

is paying emergency room doctors so why is there such a shortage?”

MacMillan also has heard that transportation is a significant issue in this riding and the current government doesn’t have anything in place for transportation polices for rural communities. He thinks

this needs to start at the grassroots level but all layers of government need to be working in harmony with each other rather than passing the buck.

Regarding the environment, MacMillan clearly feels this is a federal issue.

“We need to preserve our wildlife and making sure our water is properly treated so that it can remain top notch.” He also strongly feels “that no government should be allowed to sell off their assets unless there is a referendum.”

Our farmers are frequently forgotten when it comes to campaign trails and they need to be taken care of as people will always need to eat, says MacMillan. As far as he knows, there are no backup plans as more and more land gets bought up by developers. MacMillan wrapped up by saying that he will try to be the best MPP for this riding if elected, but he won’t be making any promises to voters.


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Liberal candidate says time for a change

By Dan Bajorek

The Liberal party has chosen Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger, a political science student in her fourth year at Western University, to run in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. She sees herself “as the new generation of changemakers” and after 15 years of Laurie Scott, feels the time is right for some new blood in the local political arena.

Cramp-Waldinsperger was born in the Omeme-Bethany area but now calls Lindsay home. While knocking on voters’ doors, she says she’s hearing complaints the Liberals have been in power for too long, but that people also fear a Doug Ford Conservative government, which is threatening to claw back minimum wage increases, make cuts to the public service, health care and education.

She is proposing better access to rural resources, saying constituents need more mental health facilities. She also sees affordable housing as a huge issue for Haliburton County, as some people are spending up to 30 per cent of their income to keep a roof above their head. She says rent control is needed.

Cramp-Waldinsperger also feels there is a lack of advocacy for our riding and that the county gets lost in as larger communities get the attention and dollars to help their constituents. A fresh face in the Legislature is sorely needed with creative ideas to bring voters’ voices to Queen’s Park, she said.

She mentioned that she has heard about the lack of public transportation in our riding and that provincial governments need to work far better with local governments to ensure the necessary dollars are allocated to make public transportation happen rather than just talking about it, while saying the money simply isn’t there. Lindsay does have a reasonable public transportation system, so it can happen when governments work together at all levels, she noted.

Cramp-Waldinsperger says there are 1,100 secondary students in our riding who may need OSAP loans for college as tuition is a financial stress for many families. She’s proposing that if a family earns less than \$50,000-a-year that students could still attend university for free and not be saddled with student loans that take many years to repay.

She’s also advocating for free child care for children two-and-a-half to four years of age. Wait-lists are way too long for this invaluable resource and something needs to be done to give families a break so that they can be gainfully employed, she said. Poverty reduction is a pilot program in Lindsay, which says that families earning less than \$17,000-a-year can receive government assistance. She’s proud of the Liberal party for upping the minimum wage to \$14-per-hour as this will lead to a healthier and happier work force, in her opinion.



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A gathering at Bark Lake in April. Submitted.

Rustic Mama Retreats proving a hit

By Lisa Gervais

Hundreds of women will descend on Bark Lake Leadership Centre, and Haliburton County, this weekend as part of a continuing series of Rustic Mama Retreats.

The idea for the ultimate girls getaway weekends is the brainchild of Jennifer James.

James told *The Highlander* she used to camp every summer as a girl guide at Camp Adelaide, “so I just love the area and wanted to bring that to more people.”

Those people are adult women in need of some TLC.

She held her first-ever Rustic Mama Retreat in April at Bark Lake, and, while it’s still early days, she thinks it’s good economic news for Haliburton County.

The women come to refresh, relax and rejuvenate, according to James, by taking part in things such as yoga, sign-making workshops, paddle-boarding, archery, tree-top trekking, dance parties and other workshops led by talented guest speakers.

“Each event I hold within Haliburton County brings in 150-200 women to the

area, who not only get to experience the beauty of the county, but many told me they popped into town on the Sunday after the retreat to visit all the stores and downtown areas,” James said.

She says locals don’t attend the Bark Lake retreats, but some have registered for an upcoming one in Bracebridge later this summer because the whole idea is that it is a “getaway.”

At Bark Lake in April, she said they had quite a few women from surrounding areas such as Peterborough, Bobcaygeon and Trent Lakes.

James added that local vendors are also invited to apply to market at the Rustic Mama Retreats, so “bringing the marketplace to the event also allows up to 30 local businesses to market their goods directly to ladies from across the province.”

The April retreat and this weekend’s were both sold out. The one slated for Camp Muskoka in Bracebridge June 1-3 is also sold out. Another for Bark Lake Sept. 21-23 is already 70 per cent sold and one for Camp Kandalore in Algonquin Highlands,

Oct. 12-14, is already half sold.

Penny Eggett of Bowmanville attended the April retreat at Bark Lake.

She said she was attracted to the concept, and the name also grabbed her attention as she’s “a huge outdoors lover.”

She went with her best friend, leaving her six-month-old at home with her husband.

She said she was impressed with the variety of sessions offered.

“I met a lot of new women from all walks of life and experiences. I loved that so many women could gather and just be themselves without judgements or cliques. I left my weekend gaining five new friends. We call ourselves the Bark Lake Sisters and we are planning on getting together again this summer for a wine tour or something. We will be friends for many years to come.”

She added that she also “happily” dropped some money elsewhere in Haliburton County over the weekend.

More more on rustic mama retreats, see rusticmamaretreats.com



New chamber manager Jennifer Locke with chamber board chairman Richard Wannan and outgoing manager, Autumn Wilson. Submitted.

New chamber manager has local ties

Last Friday, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce announced their new manager, Jennifer Locke. In a news release, the chamber said Locke “brings a wealth of experience and knowledge we are looking forward to seeing in action as she takes the lead at the chamber. The board of directors is excited for the new energy that will contribute to and maintain the growth seen at the chamber over the past few years.” Jennifer recently returned to the Highlands with her partner and daughter after living in Calgary for five years. Her extended family has been a part of the community for decades. Jennifer’s first day at the chamber is Monday, May 28 when she will be training prior to outgoing manager Autumn Wilson’s departure June 8. (Lisa Gervais)

Highlander environment



Climate Change Corner organizers pose for a photo-op before the launch of the exhibit May 18 at Nature's Place in Minden. Photo by Felix Wong.

Climate Change Corner debuts at Nature's Place

By Felix Wong

The Climate Change Corner made its debut at Nature's Place in Minden May 18. It's aimed at increasing community awareness on the science and consequences of climate change. The exhibit has been in development since last October through a partnership between Environment Haliburton! (EH!) and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"Climate change is the defining issue of

our time," said EH! vice-president Terry Moore. He added that "the contrast between the urgency of the scientific call to action and the on-the-ground reality of our day-to-day dependency on fossil fuels," is one of the main reasons why the corner was put together. It will not only attempt to explain the scientific consensus on the human-caused origins of global warming and climate change but also focus and raise attention on local climate change

impacts already being experienced, such as flooding, Moore said. There are a few different parts to the corner, including a section on plastic pollution, global carbon dioxide emissions, and one displaying many of the consequences of human-caused climate change in Haliburton County: mosquitoes, ice storms, tick infestations and more. According to Moore, some of these parts are meant to have a longer shelf life while others will be flexible and easily changed or

updated as events unfold. In addition to visual cut-outs, the corner also contains related videos and a climate change opinion survey, the latter of which will help the creators "become more effective climate communicators," said Moore. The corner will also be changing over the summer as they review suggestions from the community and survey responses. It's expected to stay up for four years.





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Highlander health



The Big Bike begins to roll out of Head Lake parking lot. Photo by Felix Wong.

Stroke group raises \$6,000 on Big Bike

The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group, along with community supporters, rode through the streets of the village May 17 on the Heart and Stroke Big Bike. The ride, organized by the Heart and Stroke Foundation across various communities in Canada, helps raise money for critical research to develop life-saving treatments that bring hope to heart disease and stroke patients. Before the

ride began, this year's team had raised \$5,958. Last year, more than 70,000 riders in more than 200 communities across Canada raised more than \$8 million for research, which goes towards harnessing the potential of regenerative medicine, chasing the next breakthrough in stroke research, stopping cardiac arrest before it happens, and more. (Felix Wong)

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pm. The militia camp will be open all day. Learn about camp life, time-period dance, the
uniform and pack and women's role. Drills and musket firing will be held at 11:00am,
1:00pm, and 3:00pm. The museum is located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at
176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden. Admission is by donation.

Employment Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting resumes
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Highlander events



Left: Randy Charter poses next to the Haliburton Lake Trout Project exhibit. Right: The indoor fly-tying exhibit. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

HHOA Family Fun Day still a blast

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery was packed May 19 during its Family Fun Day despite the unaccommodating weather. There was a bouncy castle outside to keep the kids entertained as well as an indoor fly-tying exhibit and an outdoor retriever and birds of prey show. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and was attended by local residents and visiting cottagers, many of whom brought their children to show them around the hatchery's many indoor exhibits, including taxidermy, animal droppings and the Haliburton Lake Trout Project. *(Felix Wong)*



James Boraski performs at his solo concert at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association last Thursday. *Photo by Felix Wong.*

James Boraski performs solo concert at fish hatchery

James Boraski performed a mix of acoustic roots, ballads and blues during a three-hour solo show at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) on May 17. Boraski is a full-time musician and an inductee into the American Heritage Blues Hall of Fame who has performed in various theatres and concert halls by himself as well as with his band, Momentary Evolution. He is also the rehabilitation manager for the HHOA's Gould's Creek rehabilitation project, which aims to take native brook trout from the stream and restock the lower reaches. The concert kicked off the festivities at the hatchery's annual Family Fun Day, which took place May 19. *(Felix Wong)*



A royal buzz

Many locals got up early to watch the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle this past weekend, while some elected to go to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to watch a replay on the big screen, replete with a proper British tea beforehand. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Left: Royals memorabilia graces a table at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Top: Ladies enjoy tea before watching the Royal Wedding on the big screen. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*





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Highlander events



Left: A few kids take shelter from the rain while they await customers during the Gooderham Community Action Group annual street sale last Saturday. Middle: Vicky, left, and Linda White stand next to their wares during the Gooderham Community Action Group annual street sale last Saturday. Right: Bill Grylls packs up his goods during the Gooderham Community Action Group annual street sale last Saturday. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

Rain dampens Gooderham's annual street sale

The Gooderham Community Action Group (GCAG) held their annual street sale May 19 along main street, but the rain kept most vendors and potential customers from turning up.

There were a few vendors selling quilts, DVDs, books and more. However, most of them closed shop before noon due to the non-stop downpour. The barbecue that was to be provided by the Gooderham Station

3 firefighters was cancelled before it even began. The GCAG is an organization dedicated to planning and carrying out programs, activities and events of interest and benefit to the residents of Gooderham.

The group, which currently consists of 11 members, strives to work for and with the community to make the town a better and safer place to live. *(Felix Wong)*



Lions Club going to the dogs

The annual Lions Club Dog Guides fundraiser took place May 19 at Haliburton United Church. The fundraiser, organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club, featured a trunk sale, bake sale, coffee, treats and a bottle and can drive. Vendors from across the community paid \$10 to book a spot in the parking lot and sell various

items, although there weren't too many vendors due to the pouring rain. The Walk for Dog Guides was held at noon, led by Kathryn Kidd. The money raised during the walk will go towards the Lions Foundation of Canada's mission to provide dog guides for Canadians with a medical or physical disability at no cost. *(Felix Wong)*

Left: Members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club pose for a photo before the start of the dog walk at the Lions Club Dog Guides fundraiser. Right: Jack, left, and James Lawr take two rescue dogs for a walk. *Photos by Felix Wong.*





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Convenors Donna and John Teravainen ran the bid euchre May 3 at the Cardiff Community Centre.

First: Bill and Marlene Bona.
Second: John Bradley and Betty Brett.
Third: John and Donna Teravainen,
Fourth: Leon and Joyce Wright.
Fifth: Cynthia Goodison and Lorne Dinesen.

Convenor Beverly Johnson ran bid euchre May 7 at the Minden Legion.

First: Pat Norman and Cheryl James.
Second: Olga Mark and Irene McDowell.
Third: Neil and Donna Darby
Fourth: Doug and Murriel McIntosh
Fifth: John and Bev Kerr.

Convenor Lynne Briden ran the bid euchre May 18 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

First: Desimir and Ilse Nikolic
Second: Lorne and Ruth Robertson.
Third: Joan Parsons and Francene Corbell.
Fourth: Bob and Gary Cockburn.
Fifth: Bernice Sopher and Bev Skelding
Sixth: Irma Saminen and Brenda Gabitious.

The qualifiers from Cardiff, Minden and Gravenhurst now go to the Haliburton/Muskoka District bid euchre final at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre in June.

Cribbage:

Convenor Doug Duce ran the cribbage May 4 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

First: Georgie Adair and Fern Holmes.
Second: Jim and Maureen Fahl.
Third: Bev Skelding and Bernice Sopher.
Fourth: Francene Corbell and Joan Parsons.
Fifth: Ann Cameron and Whitney Lovella
Sixth: Bill and Sandra Buckley.
Seventh: Ron Belfry and Doris Cooke
Eighth: Lynne Briden and Anne Brown.

Convenors John and Donna Teravainen ran cribbage on May 10 at the Kinmount Legion.

First: Bruce Armstrong and Jackie Metcalfe.
Second: Beverley Alexander and Kaye Bull.



Carpel Bowl winners proudly wear their medals. *Submitted*

Third: Frank and Leanna Wright.
Fourth: Bill Bona and Barb Haley-Marsh
Fifth: Joyce Broersma and Ron Cook.
Sixth: Carol Wilson and Bev Johnson.
Seventh: Neil and Donna Darby.
Eighth: Andre Guay and Ken Jones

The qualifiers from Gravenhurst and Kinmount now go to the Haliburton/Muskoka District cribbage final at the Kinmount Legion in late May.

Euchre:

Convenor Lynne Briden ran the euchre May 11 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

First: Douglas and Barbara Duce.
Second: Desimir and Ilse Nikolic.
Third: Georgie Adair and Fern Holmes.
Fourth: Robin Stock and Karen Tolton.
Fifth: Ron Belfry and Doris Cooke.
Sixth: Anneka McVee and Janet Lamorie.

Convenor Beverly Johnson ran euchre May 14 at the

Minden Legion.

First: Beverley Alexander and Kaye Bull.
Second: Irene McDowell and Olga Mark.
Third: Al McMullen and Sharron Atkinson.
Fourth: Cecile Guay and Betty McDonald.
Fifth: Dan & Lynn Duhaime.

The qualifiers from Gravenhurst and Minden now go to the Haliburton/Muskoka District euchre final at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre in June.

Carpet bowling:

Convenors Carrol Williams and Fred Krieger ran carpet bowling May 16 at the Cardiff Community Centre.

Gold: Barb Haley-Marsh and Noreen Howe.
Silver: Fred Krieger and Judy Smith.
Bronze: Evelyn Galloway and Delma Sleeper.

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Applications open for New Horizons funding

By Lisa Gervais

Local Member of Parliament, Jamie Schmale, says The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2018-2019 has started its call for proposals, for community-based projects that will help seniors stay active, engaged and informed.

He said the application period will continue until June 15, 2018.

Organizations that want to help seniors make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities are eligible to receive federal grants and contributions funding, Schmale said.

He said projects must be led or inspired by seniors and address one or more of the following five program objectives: promoting volunteerism among seniors

and other generations; engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others; expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse; supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

More information on how to apply is available at: canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html Schmale went on to say that eligible organizations can receive up to \$25,000 in funding. If you have any questions, call Schmale's office 705-324-2400 or 866-688-9881.

Living well



TEAM 'COFFEE CRISP' TOP OF THE LEAGUE: The team known as "Coffee Crisp" took home the title for the Thursday afternoon seniors' bowling league at Minden's Fast Lane. Joyce Shaw, J'Nan Yateman, Loretta Cummings, Doug Reinwald (captain), Debbie Cox and Ray St. Pierre (pictured, left to right) received the championship trophy at an awards banquet held at The Pepper Mill on May 10. (Mark Arike) Photo submitted.

Guide lists free and low-cost food options

By Mark Arike

The latest edition of the Food for All guide is available to families looking for free or low-cost food options in Haliburton County. The 12-page book is the result of a collaboration between the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit and Haliburton County FoodNet.

"The updated Food for All is a valuable resource for families, children and older adults who may struggle to put food on the table," said Kate Hall, a FoodNet member and public health food worker with the HKPR, in a report.

It includes a comprehensive list of food banks, community kitchens and gardens, and



The 2018 Food for All guide.

programs for all ages. For example, those interested in buying affordable fresh fruit and vegetables will find information about the Good Food Box, a program coordinated by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Elementary and high school students can learn about Food for Kids, a student nutrition program offered across the county.

More than one in 10 local households are "food insecure," according to the HKPR. This means they don't have enough food or worry there isn't enough to eat because they can't afford groceries.

The guide can be downloaded for free at haliburtoncountyfoodnet.com (under the "Need Food" tab). Paper copies are available at local libraries and health/social agencies, or by calling the HKPR at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 3249.

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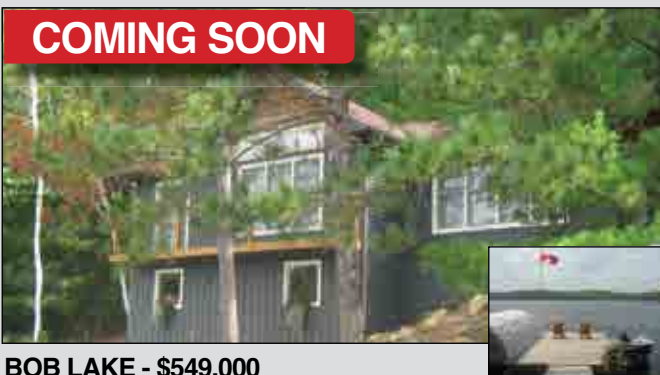
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2017-2018 Bantam LL 2 Year-in-Review



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A message from the Highland Storm

The Bantam Local League 2 season featured a fun and enthusiastic group of kids. This was the team's first year playing in the Muskoka-Parry Sound league and they had a lot to do to catch up to the rest of the league. The team was focused, dedicated and made significant

improvements throughout the season. Each week they worked hard improving their skating, shooting and positional play. The hard work paid off and each week the improvements were evident. Thank you to our parents who were committed and came out to cheer on our team

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Highland Storm



2017-2018 Highland Storm Midgets Year-in-Review



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A message from coach Reilly

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It became apparent throughout our season, that success is not only measured by statistics or wins, but also by lessons learned and their application both on and

off the ice. As a team, we learned from our blunders as well as from the obstacles we faced in order to achieve our penultimate goal.

In the face of several team injuries, both on and off the ice, our team rallied. And while one off-the-ice injury prevented a key team player from returning to the ice, Ryan Prentice continued to inspire his teammates throughout the season. Injuries were overcome, alliances were formed

and a shared vision of success ignited. The 2018 Highland Storm Midgets were truly successful. As coaches, we were privileged to have been a part of their success.

While it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to several of our third year players, we wish them continued success in their future endeavors. We also look forward to coaching, mentoring and developing the new 2018/2019 lineup.

A special thanks to our sponsors, The

Highlander and Smolen Dentistry as well as Motley Crue for writing our team's game night anthem "Kickstart My Heart" as it truly inspired us to rise to the occasion and bring the OMHA Championship to Haliburton County.

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We would also like to extend special thanks to Dr. Tina Stephenson for her dedicated care and professionalism. We offer our sincerest thanks to the HHHS Nursing staff for ensuring Gary's comfort, to Beth Archibald, Palliative Care Co-ordinator and the Community Support Services staff for your daily support, and to the CELHIN Access Centre for your attentive services. Thank you to the Emergency Room staff and paramedics. Thank you to Reverend Canon Joan Cavanaugh for her words of comfort. Thank you to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for the respect and dignity shown to our family during this difficult time.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday from 2:00 until 5:00 pm and then on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Carl's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the West Guilford Community Centre.

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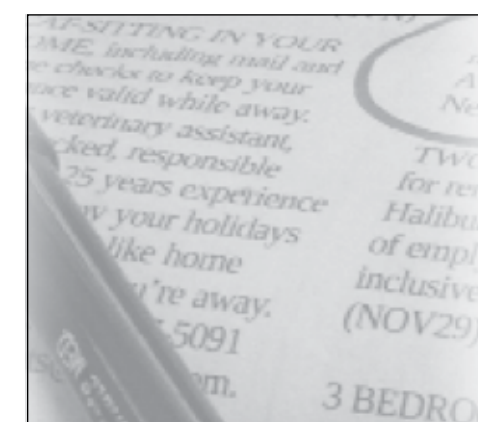
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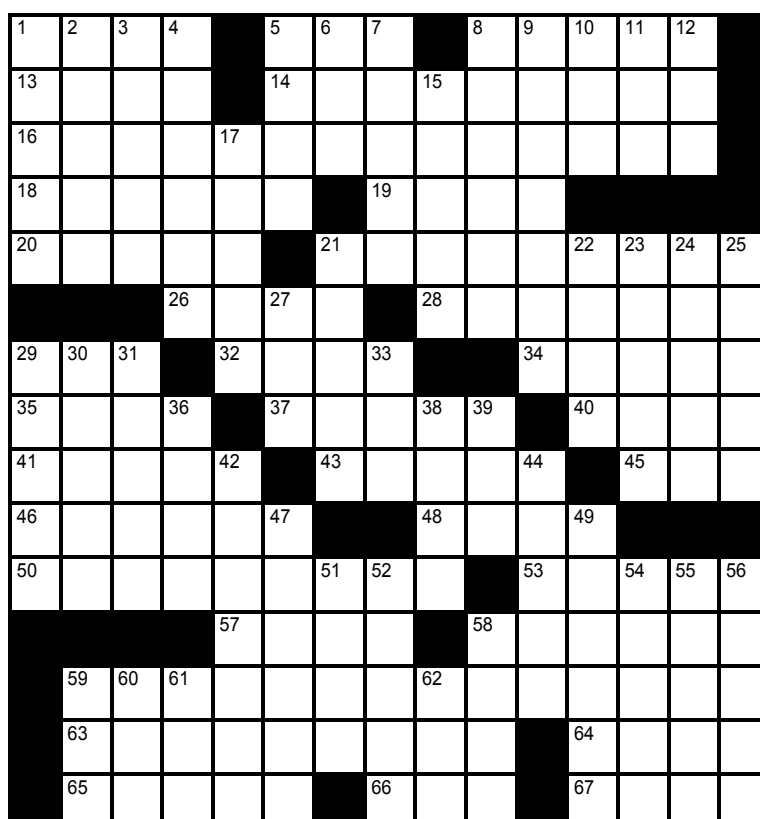
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Across

- 1 Treats leather
- 5 Leaves in a pot?
- 8 Tiler's gunk
- 13 Short race, for short
- 14 Felix and Oscar, notably
- 16 Part 1 of a Rodney Dangerfield quip
- 18 ___ of water (lakes, oceans, etc.)
- 19 First Nations footwear, briefly
- 20 Bid ___ farewell
- 21 Part 2 of the quip
- 26 Beach bird
- 28 Stay for dinner
- 29 Jack or jenny
- 32 Drive away speedily
- 34 Italian opera house, with "La"
- 35 "You look like you ___ ghost"
- 37 Part 3 of the quip
- 40 Turn off, as lights
- 41 Have ___ for music
- 43 Fish in fresh water
- 45 Texter's titter
- 46 Kid's complaints
- 48 Nfld. and Lab., e.g.
- 50 Part 4 of the quip
- 53 "Family Circus" cartoonist
- 57 Wee bit, as lotion
- 58 Pricey German ride, in slang
- 59 End of the quip
- 63 Squirming in one's seat, say
- 64 Suffix with synth-
- 65 Cardio-boxing routine
- 66 "Bleu" part of "une carte"
- 67 Shoulder muscle, in gym-speak

Down

- 1 Olympic champ Alberto nicknamed "la Bomba"
- 2 "Is there ___ that left?"
- 3 Change of coif
- 4 1-Down's sport
- 5 "Hang ten" digits
- 6 Middle of PEI: Abbr.
- 7 Butler's famous last words
- 8 "Understood"
- 9 Certain PEI exports
- 10 Photo-___ (celeb shoots)
- 11 Suffix with nod or mod
- 12 Nickname for a Dallas cowboy, maybe
- 15 Bill featuring Sir Robert Borden, slangily
- 17 Had it "to here"
- 21 "___ My Heart in San Francisco"
- 22 Dark German beer
- 23 Make use (of)
- 24 "Eleanor Rigby" instrument
- 25 Jazz singer/pianist Diana from Nanaimo, BC
- 27 Its zodiac symbol is a squiggle
- 29 Easy ___ (child's play)
- 30 Capital of Yemen
- 31 React to a hammer on the thumb, perhaps
- 33 Alternative to leg., paperwise
- 36 "Rubaiyat" rhyme scheme
- 38 BC's ___ - Princeton Highway
- 39 Czech Republic's cont.
- 42 Ordered pints, paid later
- 44 Pulled a joint?
- 47 Contributes
- 49 Turned sharply
- 51 "Ditto"
- 52 Letter-shaped girder
- 54 Teeny amount
- 55 "On the Beach" author Shute
- 56 Walking with a book on one's head, say
- 58 Certain Dutch colonist
- 59 Punster's forte
- 60 In the style of
- 61 Marlins' and Mets' div.
- 62 "Prufrock" poet's monogram



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Highlander community



Closeups competition

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's latest competition was "Closeups." The winning images were:

Top: First advanced: "Flowers in Water Beads" by Dave Dennis.
Middle: First novice: "First stroke" by Jaan Luubert
Bottom: First intermediate: "Getting My Bearings" by Larry Murphy

The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. The next meeting is June 20 at 7 p.m., at the Haliburton Museum. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for details.

BUILDING & Renos



A man works on his home. Flickr Creative Commons.

Building a home in the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Building a home in the Highlands can be a dream come true. But how do you stay down-to-earth about your investment?

Your local realtor can help you choose the best place to build and determine the amount per square foot you're willing to invest, and local building supply centres will help you choose professional architectural designers and builders who are familiar with local building requirements.

It all begins with location, of course. The big lakes drive the big prices, so to protect your investment the general rule has been not to overbuild on other types of properties. However, local realtors have been seeing more boomers who appreciate peaceful settings away from busy highways, so property owners may be able to build on a smaller lake and get their return on investment.

New builds can be done from custom

designs that precisely capture your desired layout, materials, fixtures and finishes. More economical options include predesigned homes, predesigned construction plans and modular (factory-built) homes. Regardless of your choice, be sure to find a builder who is right for your needs, based on their area of expertise, experience, skills and client references.

If you're choosing a predesigned home, the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) recommends visiting a sales office or model home if one is available. Provide a list of your housing needs and wants and ask for detailed descriptions of the most suitable homes and options based on scale models, maps, drawings and blueprints.

Ask about the standard features and finishes included in the base price of the home, as well as available upgrades and

options and the additional costs of these extras. Your builder may have a separate design centre or a section in the model home where you can view product samples. The CHBA recommends planning for long-term appeal by keeping more expensive items neutral and adding colour with items that can be easily changed without significant expense.

The CHBA recommends buying a home that meets your needs for the next five to 10 years, or one that can be adapted as needed. With so many cottagers retiring to the Highlands, those who hope to eventually sell their home may want to consider a more level lot and a floor plan that will accommodate aging in place. This will also apply to homeowners who want to remain in their dream home as long as possible.

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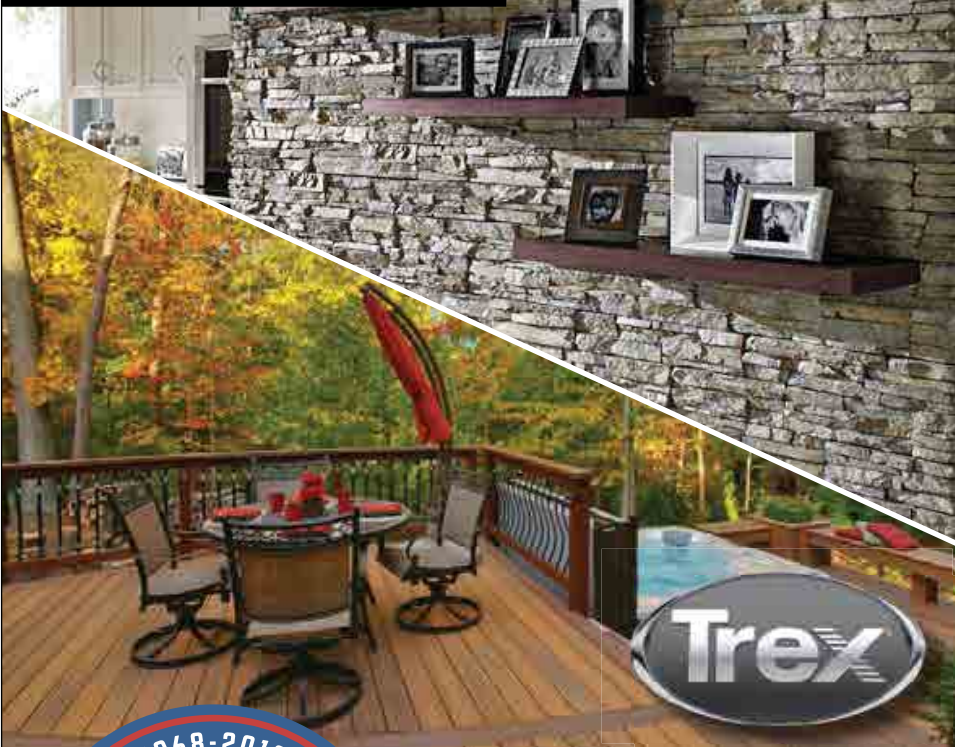
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Tackling a home renovation

By Lisa Harrison

House and cottage renovations can improve a structure's appearance, comfort and accessibility and increase home equity beyond the cost of the project, so it's no wonder they're currently a hot topic on the top TV design shows.

A successful renovation begins with listing everything you want to change, advises the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA). This includes necessary repairs, maintenance and remodelling as well as things you'd like to change if your budget allows. Make sure everyone in the home participates, since we often get used to inconveniences, and think about your needs in all seasons.

Divide your list according to what you truly need and what you don't need but would like to have. Collect design and product ideas so you can budget wisely and give a clear idea of what you want to your contractor, if you're using one.

Consider refinishing existing features and switching to energy and water conservation fixtures that will reduce your costs over time. Organizations such as the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (cmhc.ca) provide valuable information on increasing energy efficiency and reducing costs through everything from updated plumbing fixtures to full retrofits.

For structural work, you'll need professional designs and building permits. Designs are available from local professional design companies, and many

building supply centres have design staff who can create drawings that meet municipal requirements. Your designer can also create a materials list for you. Your municipal building department staff can help you determine when you require a permit.

Get local advice on setting a realistic budget and schedule, keeping in mind the need for a contingency fund of 15 to 25 per cent of your budget for unforeseen problems and potential upgrades. Our hilly, rocky landscape means cost estimates in the Highlands are higher than in cities, and time truly is money in building and renovating, so you may want to consider doing the project in phases.

Set a realistic schedule as well, considering factors such as supply time for permits and products, your available time, your skill level, the availability of any professional contractor you'll need, and definitely the weather.

For a do-it-yourself (DIY) renovation, ensure you know the true skill levels of your DIY crew. Regardless of their skills, DIYers should leave electrical, plumbing, structural, heating and roofing projects to licensed experts.

If you plan to hire a contractor, check out the resources and member contractor listings provided by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (hchba.ca), the CHBA (chba.ca), RenoMark™ (RenoMark.ca) and local building supply centres.



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Hiring a contractor in the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

When sourcing a reputable contractor for new builds or renovations, keep in mind that regulations and permits vary by municipality, so it's wise to choose a local professional to help ensure your project goes smoothly.

According to the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), for larger projects, homeowners often seek several bids. Interview contractors who have extensive experience in your type of project and check references thoroughly, including asking how well the contractor helped clients manage their budgets. Confirm the contractor has Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and liability insurance. Compare bids thoroughly, and make your decision based on overall value, trust and confidence.

Once you've made your choice, ensure your contractor provides a clear explanation of the entire process, including who is responsible for what task; construction and payment milestones; final closing costs; and any after-sales service and warranties. The contractor should provide a clear, detailed, signed contract and appoint a regular contact to promptly return your calls or emails. The contractor should also provide regular progress updates and arrange for



Contractors at work. Flickr Creative Commons.

your site visits during construction.

Ensure your contractor obtains all necessary building permits. For these you'll need plans that have been prepared by a qualified and licensed designer, which can include building centre design staff.

Municipal building department staff can also address your permit and initial design questions.

Finalize your budget based on the materials, labour, schedule and any other considerations needed to fulfill the plans.

Set aside a contingency fund of between 15 and 20 per cent of your budget to address any unforeseen circumstances. These will include any changes you request ("change orders") as the work progresses.

The best way to protect your project and budget and to avoid surprises is to maintain a paper trail throughout the project, from budget and contract to building permit progression and change orders.

To find a contractor, and for additional information, check the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) list of member contractors and suppliers at hchba.ca, email info@hchba.ca, or call 705-457-6901. Local building supply centres often list area contractors on their websites, and staff know the contractors who do quality work and are honest and reliable.

The CHBA's website, chba.ca, features a search function to help homeowners find member contractors in their area. The site also includes extensive advice plus worksheets for contractor interviews, reference checks and more. RenoMark™ provides a list of contractors who adhere to a renovation-specific code of conduct, including renovators in Haliburton County, at RenoMark.ca.

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Go green and save with GreenON rebates

By Lisa Harrison

Substantial rebates on energy-efficient products are available for homeowners and businesses through the Green Ontario Fund (GreenON).

GreenON is a not-for-profit provincial agency tasked with reducing greenhouse gas pollution in buildings and industry. Funded through proceeds from Ontario's carbon market, GreenON programs and rebates are designed to help people and businesses reduce energy use and grow their savings.

The programs are offered separately or in conjunction with suppliers of hydro and natural gas and the province's Save on Energy program, which oversees energy conservation programs offered through local hydro companies and powered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

The availability of GreenON rebates varies by location based on participating suppliers. Rebates available in various parts of Haliburton County range from free energy-saving devices for low-income customers to as much as \$20,000 in rebates to install a home geothermal system.

Other examples include up to \$7,200 off insulation, up to

\$5,000 for select high-performance windows, up to \$5,800 for an air-source heat pump, \$100 off a smart thermostat, up to \$1,000 toward a home-based electric vehicle charger, and various rebates for upgrading to more energy-efficient heating and cooling equipment.

GreenON is also advising Ontarians who are building new homes or undertaking large renovations that they can take advantage of the New Home Construction program operated by Save on Energy. By working with participating home builders and renovators, these property owners can ensure that their homes are built or renovated with energy efficiency in mind.

GreenON program benefits can extend beyond the rebates when homeowners see reduced energy costs year after year. This is the case with the high-performance windows, according to Wayne McNelly, general manager of Nortech Windows. Nortech is a registered participating contractor for the GreenON windows rebates program.

McNelly also noted that it's important to check out GreenON rebates soon because they will only be available while funds last.


Homeowners can receive free advice from a home energy

expert on how to save money, get rebates and reduce their carbon footprint by calling GreenON Support at 1-888-728-8444 or emailing info@greenon.ca. Additional energy conservation programs through Save on Energy are detailed at saveonenergy.ca.

While renters may not be able to take advantage of GreenON rebates, tips for renters on decreasing energy use and increasing savings are available at greenon.ca.

Small and medium-sized businesses can benefit from the GreenON Small and Medium Businesses program, which is delivered by the Ontario Centres of Excellence. Offerings will include a no-cost, energy and greenhouse gas emissions assessment that will make companies eligible to secure funding for low-carbon projects that help them save money. This program funding is available to businesses with projects that contribute measurable reductions to greenhouse gas pollution in buildings and the production of goods.

According to the GreenON website, early registration will open soon and assessments by technical experts will begin this summer. Eligibility requirements apply. To register, visit greenon.ca.



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Window rebates of up to \$5,000? *That sounds too good to be true!*

“That’s a typical reaction we get from those who hear about the new Green Ontario Fund rebate program for the first time, and with good reason”, says Wayne McNelly, General Manager of Nortech Windows.

“This government fund goes far beyond any previous renovation programs offering rebates for windows by offering substantially more money to homeowners.” The mandate of the “GreenON” fund is to reduce greenhouse gases by offering incentive programs to encourage homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

“This is very good news for anyone considering an upgrade to their windows at this time,” says Wayne. The plan is very simple. The fund provides \$500.00 per window opening up to a maximum of \$5000.00. Earlier programs only offered \$80.00 per opening. Homeowners need to meet only a few conditions to be eligible for the rebate, according to Wayne.

The replacement windows must be included on the Energy Star Most Efficient 2018 List. These high-performance windows feature very low heat transfer and are rated for Zone 3, which covers all of Canada. Homeowners must be replacing an existing window, including the full frame. The opening must be insulated back to the wall studs for better efficiency. The windows that are being replaced must be part of an existing structure. New construction is not included in this program.

The windows must be installed by a contractor registered in the program who holds a Window Wise Certification and is a member of the Siding and Window Dealers Association of Canada, which sets training, quality, financial and ethical standards and audits for its members.

“That’s basically it,” says Wayne. “Very simple. The contractor submits the required paperwork to the government on behalf of the homeowner.”

“The high performance windows will cost a little more, however, the cost is usually more than offset by the rebates. It’s our experience at Nortech that people are paying thousands of dollars less for the higher efficiency windows than they would have paid for regular dual-pane windows without the program.” An added bonus is that participants will continue to save more on energy costs year after year as well, says Wayne.

“It seems to me to be a win-win situation. Its better for the environment, and it’s better for the pocketbook.” Wayne does have a word of caution.

“The program is slated to be around for 2018 and 2019. However, the funds are limited, so when they run out, it will be over.”

Nortech is already experiencing considerable interest in the program.

“People are signing up even in the middle of winter,” says Wayne. “I think it’s going to be a very busy year. My advice would be that if you’re thinking of taking advantage of the program, it’s probably best to do it sooner rather than later.”

Nortech Windows, part of family-owned Nortech Home Improvements Inc., has been serving the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough regions for more than 20 years. Nortech’s goal is to provide the very best in products and customer service. As a result, Nortech receives most of its business from repeat customers and referrals.

Nortech is registered as a participating contractor in the GreenON windows rebates program.

For more information on the GreenON program, or to access the program through Nortech, contact the company at www.nortechwindows.com or 1-866-640-0206.

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Top: Racers take off for the "Coffee Cup" race during the Super SUP weekend at Bonnie View Inn. Left: Paddleboarders prepare for the 15 km "Coffee Cup" race. Right: A racer takes off for the "Coffee Cup" race. Photos by Felix Wong.

Paddleboarders brave cold waters at Haliburton's Bonnie View Inn

Featuring intense races, live music, pizza and a barbecue, the annual stand up paddleboard festival, Super SUP Weekend, took place at Bonnie View Inn May 20. The first event of the day, the Coffee Cup race, was 15 km long, with 73 competitors racing to Baked & Battered and back. Later, there was a kids' race with eight participants as well as a Poker Run, where competitors had to grab cards from five stations scattered across Kashagawigamog Lake. (Felix Wong)



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What's on



APRIL 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday May 24

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Friday May 25

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Pork Loin & Onions, \$9, followed by Country Music Jam from 1 – 4. Open Mic and local talent. Food bank donations appreciated. 705-454-8127 for more info.

Saturday May 26

9 a.m. – noon – Norland Horticultural Centre Society annual plant / bake sale & silent auction, at the Pioneer Baptist Church, 7553 Hwy 35 Norland. All are welcome!

10 a.m. – Noon – Minden & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale, at the Village Green, downtown Minden. Join us for great deals on many varieties of locally grown plants.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

2 – 4 p.m. – 4th annual Minden Animal Hospital Customer Appreciation Day! Join us for refreshments, cake, displays and tours of the hospital.

7 – 9 p.m. – Exploring the Lives of Bats, presented by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Join us at the Minden Cultural Centre for a fun and informative presentation on bats. Presenter Brock Fenton, Emeritus Professor of Biology has been studying bats since 1969. Admission by donation.

7:30 p.m. – Highlands Chamber Orchestra presents Passages, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$15/\$20, available at Cranberry Cottage and Minden Pharmasave.

Sunday May 27

2:30 p.m. – Haliburton Concert Series: MitBravour Piano Trio. For more info go to haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca, or call Fred at 705-455-9060.

Monday May 28

7 – 9 p.m. – All Candidates Meeting, at Pinestone Resort. Ahead of the 2018 provincial election, hear from the candidates for MPP in Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock. Event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday May 29

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday May 30

6 – 8 p.m. – Need to Know education series presents "Simple & affordable ways to eat healthy, feel great and live a healthy life", at Haliburton United Church. Register in advance, 705-457-2941 x2922 or nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca.

Saturday June 2

10 a.m. – Haliburton County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, at the Village Green, downtown Minden. Entrance \$s available 9:00 a.m. www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca Open 10 a.m. until sold out.

10 a.m. – noon – Haliburton Highlands Land Trust AGM, Minden Cultural Centre, Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden. Register online at haliburtonlandtrust.ca

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

Sunday June 3

1 p.m. – Grannies Tea, at the Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Doors open at 1 p.m. tea begins at 1:30 p.m. Loonie auction, granny creations marketplace, herbs from Abbey Gardens. Join the Haliburton Highlands Grannies, in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For tickets call Jacqui at 705-754-9851 or Gayle at 705-286-3411.

Tuesday June 4

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Saturday June 9

Haliburton County Marksmen Club Ladies Day. To sign up, or for more info contact info@hcmcn.com or visit hcmcn.com to learn more.

10 a.m. – noon – Bat Box Building Workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days series, at Haliburton Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, under "events", or call 705-457-3700.

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Monday June 11

7 – 9 p.m. – Lochlin United Church presents Gord Kidd & Friend Shawn Chamberlin with their gospel and country music show. Admission by donation, refreshments to follow. 1050 Lochlin Rd, off Gelert Rd. For further info call Helen: 705-286-6087.

Thursday June 14

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Thursday June 21

1 p.m. – Water Ambassadors Canada Charity Golf Classic, at Pinestone Resort. A great way to have fun while raising money to provide clean drinking water to communities around the world. Register online at waterambassadorscanada.org/golf.html or call 705-455-2037

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What's on

Turtle walks raise hope and funds

By Mark Arike

Turtles are being injured and killed at a rapid rate. In a six-month period last year, 538 turtles struck by cars were taken to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre in Peterborough for treatment.

This led to a declaration of a state of emergency.

And Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between, is well aware of many turtles dying on local roads, so she decided to do something about it.

"I know there were 10 times the number of kills [over last year]," said Berman in an interview. "That's just unprecedented."

She came up with this figure by counting dead turtles during her travels of Haliburton, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Peterborough and Bancroft.

"Last year was a blood bath," she said.

For more than a decade, her organization has worked with the centre and other groups to "assess threats to turtles, marking crossing areas with signs and supporting the testing of new models of underpasses."

The Land Between region, which stretches from the Ottawa Valley to the Georgian Bay coast, is home to more than one-third of all of Ontario's turtles, according to Berman.

It takes 30-80 years of laying eggs for a turtle to replace itself.

The groups launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$3 million—\$1 million for underpasses, \$1 million to expand the centre and \$1 million for treatment and overhead costs.

A couple of months ago, Berman decided

to put together the inaugural Turtle Walk.

The first three walks will take place this Saturday in Bancroft, Peterborough and Fenelon Falls. A Haliburton walk is planned for June 2 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It goes from 10 a.m. to noon.

It will raise funds, but more importantly, awareness of the plight of turtles.

"We want to give kids hope. They [the walks] are community actions and bring people together for a common cause," she said.

The kid-friendly, 2.5-km walk starts at the track and goes to Head Lake Park and back. Participants are encouraged to wear their most "turtle-y" gear.

Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers and best costumes. Baked and Battered will bake turtle-shaped cookies for customers.

People are asked to pre-register at turtlewalk.ca. Donations aren't mandatory.

Funds raised will be split between the trauma centre and pay for future turtle tunnels. These will help turtles avoid roads and go under them instead.

The ambitious goal is to install 97 of these in the region, at a cost of about \$20,000 each.

For questions or to volunteer, contact Berman at 705-457-4838 or email turtlewalk@thelandbetween.ca.

Right: Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between and organizer of Haliburton's inaugural Turtle Walk, wants to help save turtle populations. Photo by Mark Arike.



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Time: Doors open 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Admission: early bird = \$30.00, after July 1 = \$35.00

Purchase tickets online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca and at Up River Trading Company, Minden and Haliburton locations (cash only)



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Land Trust Discovery Days: Bat Box Building Workshop



Saturday, June 9, 10:00am to 12:00pm
Haliburton Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Road, Haliburton

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